

**Apparatus for analyzing an audio signal with regard to  
rhythm information of the audio signal by using an  
autocorrelation function**

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Abstract

An apparatus for analyzing an audio signal with regard to  
rhythm information of the audio signal by using an  
10 autocorrelation function comprises a filter bank for  
separating the audio signal into at least two sub-band  
signals. The sub-band signals are examined with regard to  
periodicities by an autocorrelation function, to obtain  
rhythm raw-information for the at least two sub-band  
15 signals. To reduce or eliminate the ambiguities of the  
autocorrelation function for periodical signals, the rhythm  
raw-information is postprocessed to obtain postprocessed  
rhythm raw-information for the sub-band signal. The rhythm  
information of the audio signal is established based on the  
20 postprocessed rhythm raw-information. By the sub-band-wise  
ACF postprocessing, ACF ambiguities are already eliminated  
where they originate, and rhythm portions are added at  
double tempi, which an autocorrelation function processing  
does normally not provide, so that, as a result, a more  
25 robust determination of the rhythm information of the audio  
signal arises.